



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

October 18, 2011

Re: Lawrence County
Farmview Estates
Compliance Evaluation Inspection
Correspondence (PWW)

Lawrence County Commissioners
1 Veteran's Square
Courthouse
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear County Commissioners:

On September 22, 2011, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted at Lawrence County Commissioners' Farmview Estates wastewater treatment plant. The purpose of the inspection was to determine Lawrence County's compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. Present for the inspection were; Gary Crisswell representing Lawrence County and Stephen Wells and Vicki German representing Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office. A copy of my inspection report is attached.

As a result of my inspection, I have the following comments:

1. The plant has been damaged recently due to flooding and is in need of major repairs.
2. The air header on the aeration tank was in need of repair. Gary informed me that repairs would be started on the air header later in the day. Please inform this office when the air header has been repaired.
3. The sand filters are need in of a complete re-build. The drains were just unplugged before the inspection.

Currently, the Collins Career Center is in the process of upgrading or replacing its existing wastewater treatment plant. Ohio EPA strongly suggest the County Commissioners work with the Collins Career Center to combine these two plants along with the other subdivision across the street from Farmview into one wastewater treatment plant.

If the combination of the plants cannot occur, the County needs to start investigating ways to prevent the Farmview plant from being damaged by flooding and start the upgrades to the plant immediately to fix the above mentioned problems.

In conclusion, the Lawrence County Commissioners' Farmview Estates wastewater treatment plant appeared to be non-compliance with its NPDES Permit at the time of the inspection.

Please respond to the Comment # 2 above in and inform this office in writing on the County's future plan for the wastewater treatment plant, either, a combination of the plants or to upgrade and prevent flooding damage to Farmview. The written response should include an approximate timeframe for the construction of the new wastewater treatment facility. Failure by the County to either start the upgrades immediately or start the discussions on the combination of the plants immediately may result in enforcement action by the Ohio EPA.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (74) 380-5434.

Sincerely,



Stephen Wells
District Representative
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

c: Tim Porter, Union-Rome Sewer District

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
OPG00065*DD	OH0120359	September 22, 2011	C	S	1

B. FACILITY DATA

Name & Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Farmview Estates Subdivision Township Road 1357 South Point, Ohio	9:30 a.m.	May 1, 2007
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	10:00 a.m.	April 30, 2012

Name(s) & Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Tim Porter, Administrator	(740) 867-8700
Name, Address, & Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Lawrence County Commissioners #1 Veteran's Square Ironton, Ohio 45638	(740) 533-4300

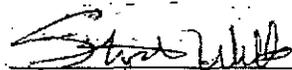
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

<u>M</u> Permit	<u>S</u> Flow Measurement	<u>N/A</u> Pretreatment
<u>S</u> Records/Reports	<u>S</u> Laboratory	<u>N/A</u> Compliance Schedules
<u>U</u> Operations & Maintenance	<u>M</u> Effluent/Receiving Waters	<u>S</u> Self-Monitoring Program
<u>U</u> Facility Site Review	<u>M</u> Sludge Storage/Disposal	<u>--</u> Other
<u>S</u> Collection System		

(S = Satisfactory; M = Marginal; U = Unsatisfactory; N = Not Evaluated; N/A = Not Applicable)

D. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS/COMMENTS (attach additional sheets if necessary)

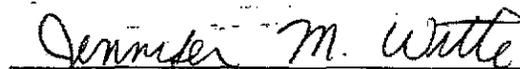
See attached letter.



 Stephen Wells, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

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 Date



 Jennifer M. Witte, Reviewer, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

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